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Miss. Baptists to convene October 26

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

The 169th annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention (MBC) at First Church, Jackson, will be gavelled to order by President Gene Henderson at 8:25 a.m. on October 26. The annual meeting is expected to draw thousands of Baptists from across the state to lift praise to the Lord and tend to the business of the convention, before adjourning at 11:30 a.m. on October 27.

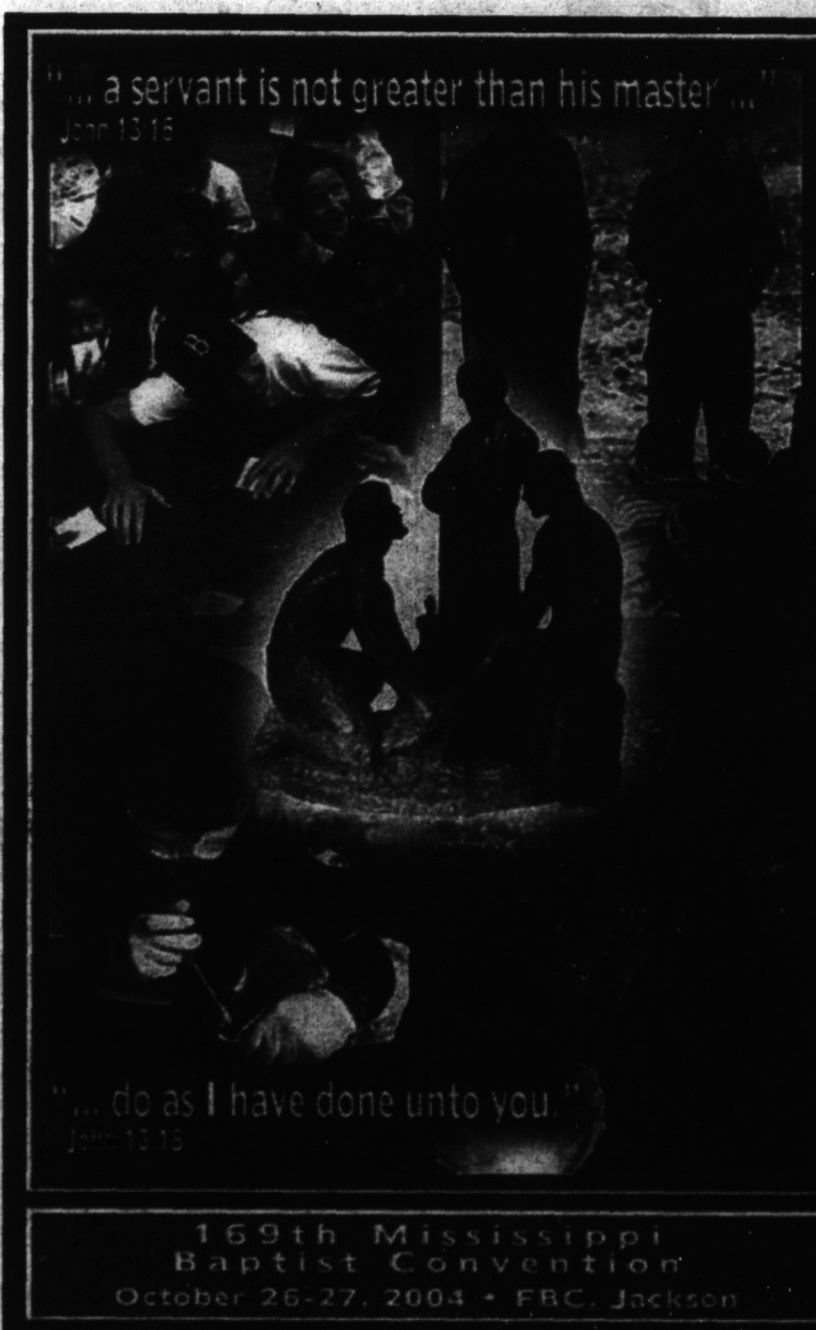
"I am excited about the upcoming convention. I believe it will be a time of great celebration. We have much to praise God for as Mississippi Baptists," Henderson said. "The program theme of 'Servant Leadership' is exciting and certainly relevant. Those who attend will be inspired and challenged through the messages that will be presented."

"The convention meets to worship, but primarily to conduct the business that God has given us to do. It is vital that each messenger come prayed up and ready to determine the will of God as we make crucial decisions that will have long term impact on our churches and on our state."

"I certainly covet the prayers of all as I prepare to preside at the convention."

Messengers will be presented a proposed 2005 Mississippi Cooperative Program budget of \$31,314,491, to meet the ministry needs of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention. The result of nearly a year of planning by the convention board's budget committee and Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) department directors, the proposed 2005 budget reflects an increase of 1.49% over the current fiscal year budget of \$30,854,971.

Highlights of the annual meeting will include the convention sermon by Thad Moore, pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, and MBC first vice-president, at 4 p.m. on October 26; the president's address by Henderson at 11:10 a.m. on October 26; the message by Robert Smith Jr., professor of Christian preaching at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, at 10:45 a.m. on October 27; the Bible Treasures by Charles Lowery, president of Lowery Institute for Excellence in Plano, Texas, at various



Association in Columbia, will also be eligible for nomination to a second term. The three offices are subject to a two-term limitation.

Recording Secretary Gus Merritt of Newton, a retired pastor, and Associate Recording Secretary Michael Weeks, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Olive Branch, are not subject to term limitations and will be eligible for renominations to their positions.

Annual meeting worship leaders include Phil Jones, minister of music at First Church, Brandon; Lance Word, minister of youth at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian; and L. Graham Smith, MBCB church music director. Choirs scheduled to perform are the Sanctuary Choir of First Church, Brandon; the Mississippi Singing Churchmen; Carpenter's Wood of Baptist-affiliated William Carey College (WCC) in Hattiesburg; and the WCC Chorale.

Randy Turner, pastor of First Church, Laurel, served as chairman of the Committee on the Order of Business, which put together the program for the 2004 annual meeting.

"It has been a pleasure working with the members of the Committee on Order of Business this year. We believe the Lord has directed us in putting together a fine program."

"I certainly want to encourage people to attend the convention, expecting a blessing from God. The theme is excellent — one that all of us need to cultivate in our lives and ministries," Turner said.

The earliest historical records indicate that the Mississippi Baptist State Convention was organized in February 1824 in Bogue Chitto. The name of the convention was changed to MBC in 1937.

The MBC annual

meeting is attended by messengers and their guests from Mississippi Baptists' 2,070 cooperating churches. Only registered messengers can vote on matters that come before the convention while in session. For information on serving as a messenger from a cooperating church, members should contact their church office.

For more information on the 2004 MBC annual meeting and the ministrties of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, go to www.mbc.org.

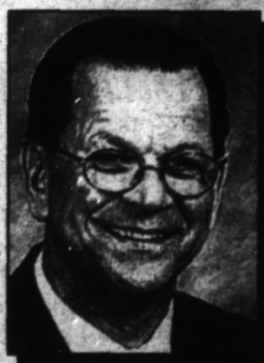
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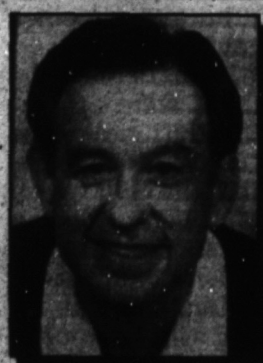
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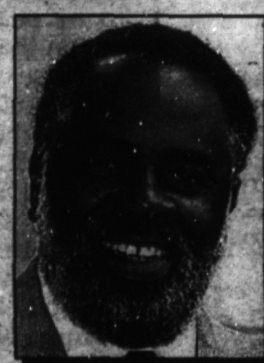
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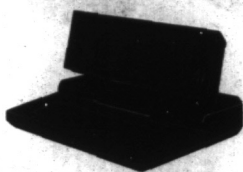


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On the road again

The call came before Hurricane Charley's vicious winds had even subsided, and the caravan was on the road before dawn the next morning. That was in early September, and the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force has been activated almost every day since then.

From Arcadia, Florida, to Pascagoula to Meridian to Gulf Shores, Alabama, and now Ft. Pierce, Florida, the trained Task Force volunteers from Mississippi Baptists' 2,070 cooperating churches have prepared nearly 175,000 meals for victims of Hurricanes Charley, Ivan, and Jeanne. (The Task Force got a few days off during Frances.)

In addition, Mississippi Baptist volunteers have joined workers from other state Baptist conventions around the country to help storm victims clean up their homes and property, restoring some semblance of the lives they had before the four major hurricanes roared ashore.

Lest anyone think otherwise, Mississippi Baptists do make a difference in the lives of people through their dedication to disaster relief. When the Task Force volunteers began to pack up the mass feeding unit in Arcadia after Hurricane Charley duty, local residents came by to plead for the unit to stay put. With tears in their eyes,

they explained that Mississippi Baptists had been their anchor when everything else had been blown away.

Only heaven knows the fruit that will be borne for many generations to come, thanks to these Mississippi Baptist volunteers.

On the lighter side, there is the Sand Hill Crane that has consistently dropped by the unit twice a day during the ongoing Hurricane Jeanne activation in Ft. Pierce. "He expected to be fed regularly when he came by the unit," said Jim Didlake, men's ministry director and disaster relief coordinator for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

It seems the volunteers have a heart for all God's creatures, human and otherwise.

Hurricane Jeanne marked the third time the Task Force has been activated during the 2004 hurricane season. The State of Florida now holds the dubious distinction of being the first state since the 1880s to be struck by four major hurricanes in the same year.

"We ask that Mississippi Baptists please continue to pray for those in the path of these hurricanes," said Didlake.

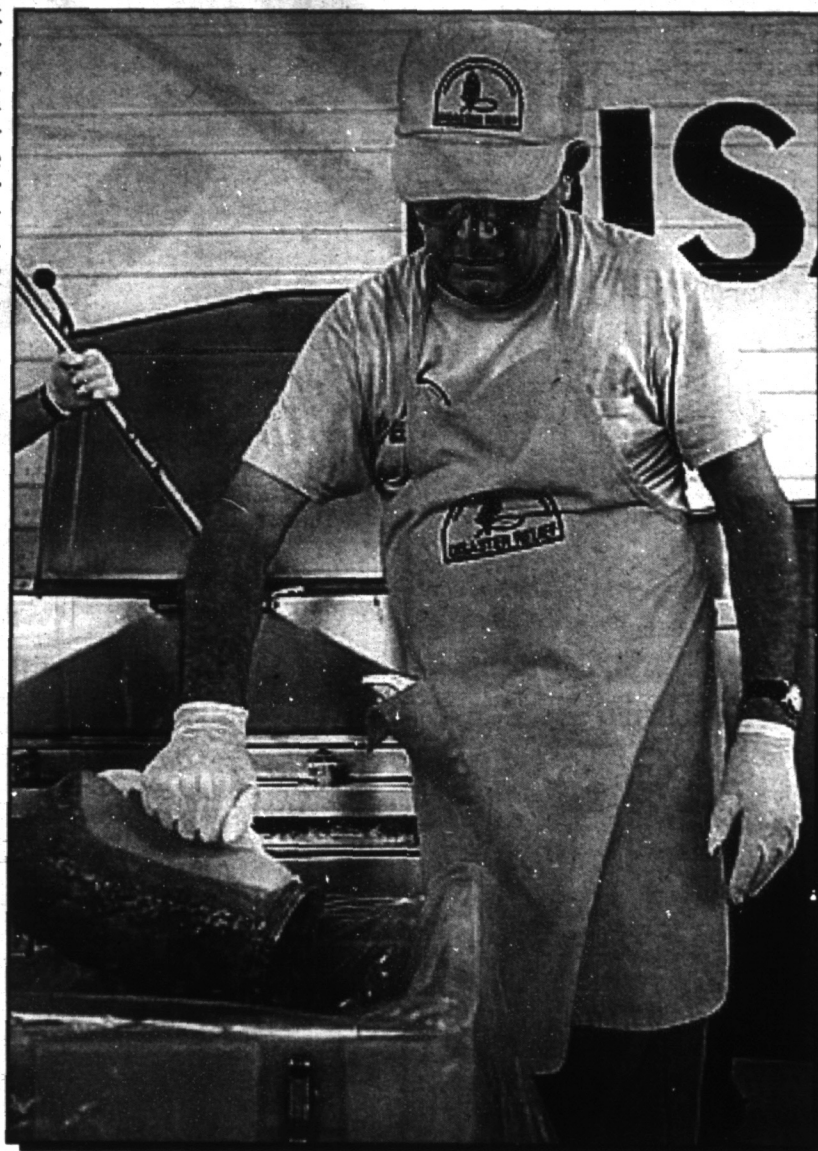
Leaders of the Task Force and the Mississippi Baptist Convention have also asked Mississippians to continue to pray for the safety of the disaster relief volunteers, many of whom have hazardous duties, and for the success of the mission to respond to disaster victims in the name of Christ.

Due to the frequency and severity of the 2004 hurricane season, which still has nearly two months to go, the Task Force is accepting cash gifts through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to defray the cost of the unit's multiple activations and to fund the on-site purchases of food supplies and other necessities. The Task Force is presently not accepting clothing, foodstuffs, or other items.

Fully 100% of gifts designated for the Task Force are used for specific, on-site disaster relief needs. Gifts to the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering and the Mississippi Cooperative Program provide the annual funding for the unit's maintenance, repair, administration, and training.

To make a tax-deductible gift toward Mississippi Baptists' disaster relief efforts, make checks payable to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and designate "2004 Hurricane Relief" on the memo line. Mail to: Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, ATTN: Business Office, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530.

Hearts are being touched, and souls are being won over to the Lord, because



COMFORT FOOD — Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force volunteer Bobby Holliman, a member of Calvary Church, Columbus, fills insulated food containers for delivery while working at the Mississippi Baptist mass feeding unit in Ft. Pierce, Florida, after Hurricane Jeanne. Holliman is one of an estimated 1,500 Southern Baptist volunteers currently assisting Florida, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and West Virginia in the aftermath of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. (Special photo courtesy of North American Mission Board/John Swain)

of the highly visible witness of the volunteers who stand at the ready to respond to disasters and emergencies any time, and any where.

As Mississippi Baptists, we should be proud of the way these mighty Kingdom workers represent us. It is an honor to pray for them.

GUEST OPINION:

Turning on our compassion

By Aubrey Martin

Minister of Education — First Church, Richland

Has that tray of ham & cheese got mustard or mayonnaise on it? How many peanut butter and jellies are on that tray?

These were just a couple of the questions that were flying around the room the morning we prepared to feed the refugees flooding in from the Gulf Coast. These folks were fleeing Hurricane Ivan and had become temporary residents of Richland.

Food? You don't think about it much as long as it is around. In fact, we are more concerned about the variety and how much we can have than wondering if we will have a meal today. Seeing people who did not know when or if the next meal was coming turned on the faucet of compassion in my heart. I wanted to help and rallied others around me to help.

Feeding a few hundred people was very rewarding, especially watching the little kids as

they wolfed down the PB & Js. Guess what? We got to serve them several meals before they returned home. Many of you also got to help people. Praise God that so many responded to the needs of people in distress. What if those people could not go home and they needed our help for three months or longer? Would our faucets of

compassion have stayed open?

Let's evaluate our compassion. The World Hunger Fund is one of those areas where giving is tied to our compassion at the moment. We respond to the pictures of hollow eyes and distended stomachs, but only until our eyes focus on something else. These problems continue. People need food, clean water, and

knowledge of how to grow better crops. There is a choice — we can work with our missionaries and help some of the people, or we can cut off the faucet of our compassion and hope hunger will go away. Which one do you think God wants us to do?

As you read the facts about the World Hunger Fund administered by the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, you will see it is from your direct giving that this fund exists. Since 1974, over 171 million dollars has been spent on over 5,600 projects around the world.

Please write a check to your local church, designate it to the World Hunger Fund, and put it in the offering plate. Pray and ask God to use this to touch those people who are worried about their next meal. Thank Him that you can enjoy your food today. Ask Him to continue to teach you about His compassion.

World Hunger Day — Sunday, October 10

2004 MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

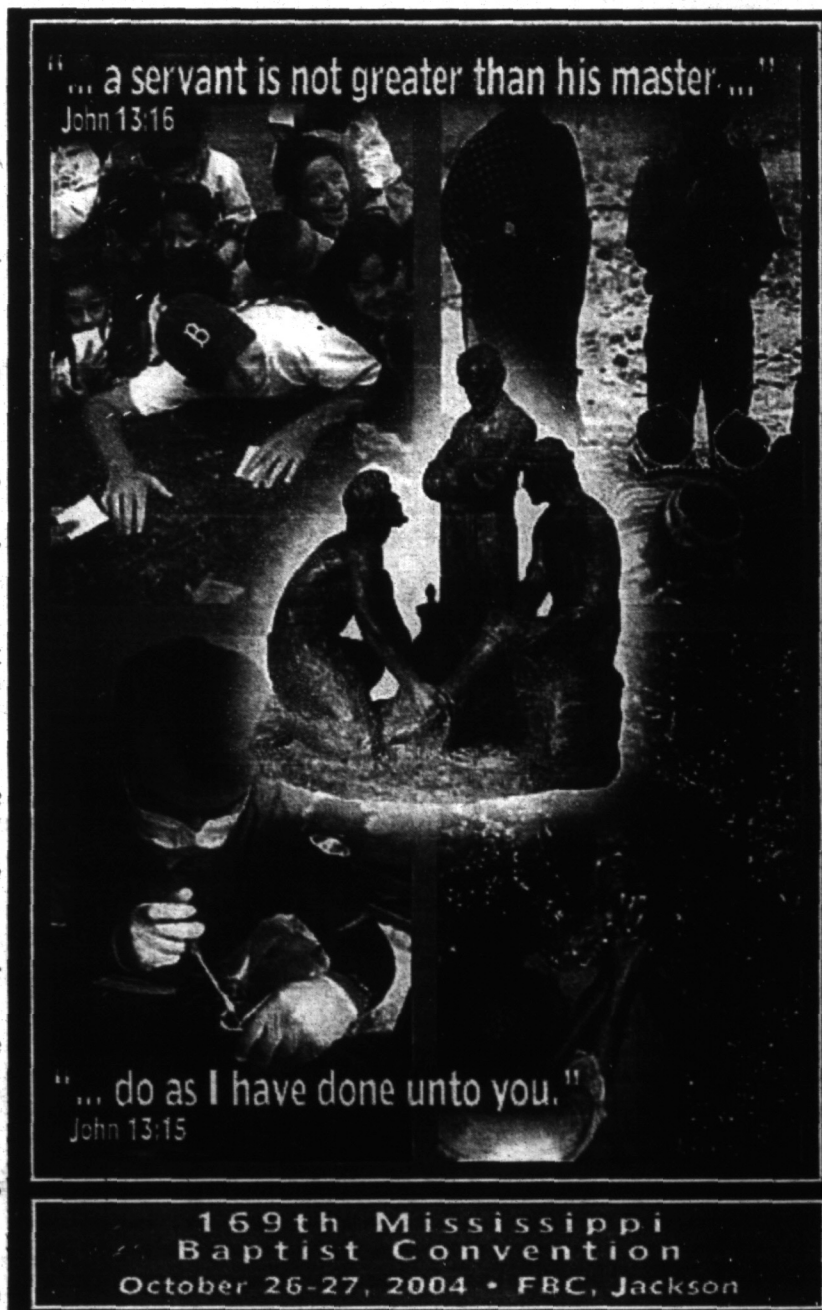
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8:25	Prelude	Organist/Pianist, FBC, Jackson
8:30	Sounding of the Gavel	Gene Henderson
	Music	Phil Jones
	Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-6	Renee Vess
	Prayer	Johnny Vess
8:45	Organization of the Convention	Gene Henderson
	Recognition and Seating of Messengers	
	Recognition of Special Guests & Correspondence	
	Report of Committee on Order of Business	Randy Turner
	Recognition of Tellers and Credentials Committee	
		Gene Henderson
	Welcome from FBC, Jackson	Stan Buckley
8:55	Congregational Praise	Phil Jones
9:00	Bible Treasure	Charles Lowery
9:25	Report of Committee on Committees	Barry Corbet
9:30	Presentation of Resolutions	
9:35	Election of the President	Thad Moore
10:00	Congregational Praise	Phil Jones
10:05	Christian Action Commission Report	Jimmy Porter
10:15	Baptist Children's Village Report	Rory Lee
10:25	Convention Board Report	Rex Yancey
10:45	Congregational Praise	Phil Jones
10:55	Choral Praise	Sanctuary Choir, FBC, Brandon
11:10	President's Address	Gene Henderson
11:40	Benediction	Bill Stewart

SERVANT LEADERSHIP - FAITHFULNESS OCTOBER 26, 2004 • TUESDAY AFTERNOON, SECOND SESSION

1:30	Prelude	Organist/Pianist, FBC, Jackson
1:35	Sounding of the Gavel	Thad Moore
	Music	Lance Word
	Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-13	Wayne Edwards
	Prayer	Johnny Rayford
1:45	Bible Treasure	Charles Lowery
2:10	Results of Election of President	Thad Moore
2:15	Missions Impact in Mississippi	Jerry Mixon
2:20	Congregational Praise	Lance Word

2:25	Business Session	Gene Henderson
	Presentation of 2005 Budget	Scott Wiggers
	Election of Convention Officers	
		Gene Henderson
	Presentation of Resolutions	
	Report of Constitution & Bylaws Committee	
	Miscellaneous Business	
3:00	Report of Board of Ministerial Education	Steve Wilson



3:15	Business Session	Gene Henderson
	Election of Convention Officers	
	Report of Constitution & Bylaws Committee	
	Miscellaneous Business	

3:40	Congregational Praise	Lance Word
3:45	Choral Praise	Lance and Jodi Word
4:00	Convention Sermon	Thad Moore

SERVANT LEADERSHIP - SACRIFICE OCTOBER 26, 2004 • TUESDAY EVENING, THIRD SESSION

4:30	Benediction	Willie Weddle
6:30	Choral Praise	MS Singing Churchmen
6:40	Sounding of Gavel	Gene Henderson
	Music	Graham Smith
	Scripture Reading: John 15:13, Isaiah 53:3-6	Vicki Chambliss
	Prayer	Helen Johnson

6:50	Choral Praise	MS Singing Churchmen
6:55	Final Presentation of Resolutions	
7:00	Missions Impact in Mississippi	Daniel Hall
7:05	Bible Treasure	Charles Lowery
7:30	Recognition of Guests, New Workers, & Missionaries	Jim Futral
7:45	Congregational Praise	Graham Smith
7:50	Choral Praise	MS Singing Churchmen
8:00	Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Emphasis	Jim Futral
8:45	Benediction	Jack Maroon

SERVANT LEADERSHIP - LOVE OCTOBER 27, 2004 • WEDNESDAY MORNING, FOURTH SESSION

8:25	Prelude	Kathy Vail
8:35	Sounding of the Gave	Archie Herrin
8:40	Music	Carpenter's Wood
	Scripture Reading: Luke 7:40-50	Paul Cassibry
	Prayer	William T. Wright
8:50	Bible Treasure	Charles Lowery
9:10	Report of Education Commission	David Hamilton
9:15	Memorial Service	Frank Harmon
9:25	Choral Praise	WCC Chorale
9:30	Introduction of College Presidents	Gene Henderson
9:40	William Carey College Report	Larry Kennedy

9:50	Missions Impact in Mississippi	Marcus Peagler
9:55	Business Session	Gene Henderson
	Adoption of 2005 Budget	Scott Wiggers
	Committee on Nominations Report	Alan Woodward
	Time, Place & Preacher Committee Report	Kermit McGregor
	Resolutions Committee Report	Randy Von Kanel
	Miscellaneous Business	

10:25	Congregational Praise	Gene Winters
10:30	Missions Mobilization	Ken Rhodes
10:40	Choral Praise	WCC Chorale
10:45	Message	Robert Smith, Jr.
11:30	Benediction	Jerry Merriman



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sins and freedom from eternal
death.
(*I repent.*)
3. I believe Jesus died and
rose from the grave to
forgive my sins and to restore
my relationship with you.
(*I believe in Jesus.*)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ
into my life. From this time on,
I want to live in a
loving relationship with Him.
(*I receive Christ as my
Savior and Lord.*)

*But as many as received him, to
them he gave the right to
become children of God, even to
those who believe in his name
(John 1:12).*

*If you make a decision for
Jesus Christ today, contact
a local Baptist church for
spiritual guidance.*

A KID NAMED COLEMAN

Saturday, September 25, 2004, my phone rang at 3:00 a.m. and it was our baby daughter calling. It's funny how God prepares you for those special moments. I was awake and watching The Weather Channel as they were covering the soon arrival of Hurricane Jean on the Florida coast. Mysti was calling about another arrival. She thought that she needed to get to the hospital and wanted confirmation from her mother. Her doctor husband was at work caring for patients, and we were the back-up team at the moment. Within minutes everything was in motion and we moved toward the event of the day. Mysti and Philip had chosen not to know if our next grandchild would be a girl or a boy. We did not care which it might be because having three boys and two girls we had found that both genders are wonderful, exciting, and loving. So the day began with an instant start, a flurry of excitement, and great anticipation. Off we went to pick up our expectant daughter and get her to the Baptist Birthing Center. Although we wasted no time before we could get her loaded up to go to the hospital, the soon to be new father arrived at the house, got everything together, and off we all went to the hospital.

We arrived, got her checked-in and hooked-up to all the monitors, contacted

the other appropriate people who wanted to be notified at four o'clock in the morning, and sat down for the long, long wait. We did not know that it would be about a 13 hour wait before we could celebrate. But sometimes, in fact, oftentimes it is not good to know what the day holds. The day wore on, the labor continued, and then finally approaching five o'clock the decision was made that they needed to perform a C-section. We knew it would not be long now. Finally, at about 5:30 p.m. the new dad came out of the delivery room and introduced all of us to Mr. Philip Coleman Chustz.

Philip was the name received from his dad. Coleman was the name received from a precious couple in Amory, Mississippi, who though they were childless had loved, cared for, and unofficially adopted Mysti as a little girl. This couple's love for Mysti and her love for them continued until their home going. Now her child will be a constant reminder of the power of

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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board



love that can touch, encourage, and change our lives. The baby will be called Coleman Chustz.

These kids and grandkids are living sermons. They remind us of some of the great truths that we already know.

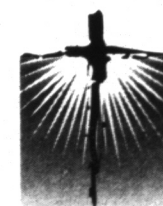
This kid called "Coleman" reminds me of the brevity of life. It seems like only yesterday that we were in a rush to get to the hospital to have a baby and now that baby is Coleman's mother. James certainly knew what he was saying when he told us life is like a vapor, here and so quickly gone.

This kid named "Coleman" also reminded me of life's balance. Within the last 12 months we lost two of the kids' grandparents as Shirley's mom and dad went to be with the Lord. They both had lived full and effective lives, but it was still not easy. While we were dealing with the reality of grief, along came Coleman. He had not replaced them, but he did remind us that life is always a balance. There are some things that are not so good that are

taking place and other things that are just breathtakingly wonderful that are happening.

Finally, Coleman reminded me of the brightness of life. When he arrived I paused to remember what a marvelous thing is here among us, a baby and a child with great potential to learn, grow, excel, and bless the world. What will his world be like? How will he be affected by it? Who knows? Neither do we know how he will affect the world. This I am confident of that God not only brought him to be with us but has a plan and a purpose for his life. His life will be touched by many people and God will provide him opportunities to touch the lives of many others. So with the work of God in mind and the blessings of God before us we will continue to enjoy the journey of life with a kid named "Coleman."

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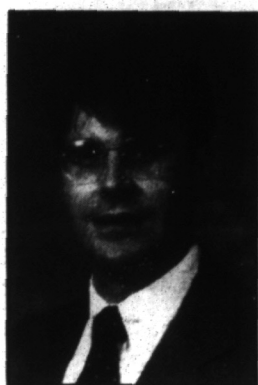
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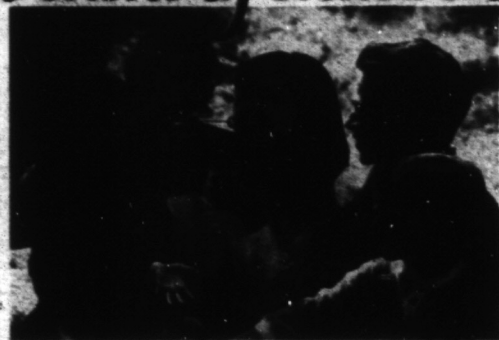
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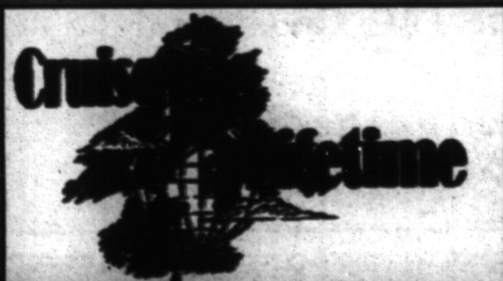
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Saturday, November 13

Colonial Heights PC

11:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

GA Missions Madness ...

EACH GA AND LEADER NEED TO BRING:

- a snack lunch (drinks & dessert are provided)
- money for our children's offering
- entry items for the women's contest (handprints, footprints, clippers, lip balm, 3-4 inch picture of clothing pins, entry forms, breath mints, soap, etc.)
- 10-15 inch picture of Jesus
- one bottle of finger nail polish for every GA

(Registration 8:30 a.m.)

Register by October 29

Cost \$6 per person

(after Nov. 1, if space is
available, \$8)

There must be one leader for
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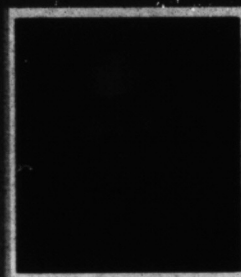
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Discovering the Power of Acts 1:8

2005 Baptist Doctrine Study Preview

Nate Adams

• Main Street BC, Hattiesburg Jan. 17, 2005 9 a.m.-noon	• FBC, Clinton Jan. 18, 2005 9 a.m.-noon	• Central Hills Baptist Church Jan. 23, 2005 9 a.m.-noon
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Nate Adams
vice president,
Missions
Mobilization,
NAMB
and author of
this year's
doctrine study
book

Preregistration is requested. All previews are from 9 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$10, which includes registration for the preview, brunch and a copy of the study course book.

Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference



OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Gaye Martin

October 25, 2004
First Baptist Church, Jackson
(Fifth Floor)
1:15 to 4:45 p.m.

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Audition dates for the 2005 MBASYC&O (Open to 9th - 12th graders)



Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	William Carey College, Hattiesburg
Monday, Sept. 27, 2004	4 - 7 p.m.	First Baptist Church, Summit
Saturday, Oct 2, 2004	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Mississippi College, Clinton
Monday, Oct. 4, 2004	4 - 7 p.m.	First Baptist Church, Winona
Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004	4 - 8 p.m.	First Baptist Church, Meridian
Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004	4 - 8 p.m.	Fairview BC, Columbus
Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	North Oxford BC, Oxford

(NOTE: All instrumentalists will be expected to audition vocally.)

Instrumental auditions will include:

- A prepared piece
- Sight reading
- Scales
- Technique and tune

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October 8 - 21, 2004

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"Praying is not real until you are in God's presence and interacting with him at the most personal level. It is more than just talking, you have to actually experience him within you."

"Praying is Not for Wimps" by Freddy Davis

For: (1) World Hunger Day (WMU & CAC Emphasis); (2) Michelle Jacobs, Rochester, N.Y., is the church and community ministry director for the Finger Lakes Baptist Association. Pray that the churches will help college students to grow in their relationships with Christ.

ISC workers Jim and Sherry Neal, working with Mestizos of Peru, ask us to continue to pray for new believers who accepted Christ as Lord of their lives in July. Pray that members of the Bible Study groups in Limatambo will take over the responsibility of discipling the new believers.

For: (1) Growth Spiral Conference, Camp Garaywa, Clinton (SS); (2) IV Senior Adult Conference, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Panama Christian (D&FM); (3) Pray that the light of Jesus will bless the Muslims of every nation as Christians in every nation intercede for the 1.3 billion Muslims in the world.

Pray for Baptist representatives serving on Team Mosaic/West Africa. Pray for eyes to see and the desire to go and do His harvesting. Simply, may the name of Jesus be glorified in Paris and may the world take notice of the power of the wonderful name of our Savior.

Some believers among the Palestinian Arabs of the Middle East shared this story: "Our Muslim physician neighbor was studying for medical boards and came over to ask about the interpretation of some medical terminology. We prayed for him. After his exams, he came over very excited because God had answered our prayers and he did well on his exams."

For: (1) 125th Anniversary Celebration, Emmanuel BC, Grenada (WMU); (2) Miss. Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Camp Garaywa, 8th-10th (EPD); (3) John MacKall is a church planter for Crosslife Community Church in Maryland. The first meeting was held in a barbershop, then a rented space. Attendance has risen to 60. Praise the Lord!

Michael R. Procter, Anchorage, Alaska, is the director of state missions and men's ministries with the Alaska Convention. Pray for the 15 pastorless congregations, for three new congregations being planted and for the three associations doing strategy planning.

The president of the Brazil Baptist Home Mission Board writes: "Since we are so far from mission conferences held in other parts of the country, we had our own event to help local believers realize the importance of missions. Pray that the more than 1,000 who attended will become more enthusiastic in giving, praying and in promoting missions in their local churches."

Pray for the Susu of Guinea. S had a vision from God a few years ago. In it she was told to "Listen to Jesus. He is the Truth." She was a young, married Muslim woman, but she sought out Christians and became a believer. She often would go to the public markets and give her testimony. In August, S passed away. Pray that God would be glorified through her death, as in her life.

A member of the Barabag Team in Tanzania writes: "Pray that we will know how to teach the difference between cultural Christianity and biblical Christianity, that Jesus will open the Barabags' and others' minds to understand the Scripture and that when they understand, they will embrace biblical Christianity and that it will spread rapidly among the people."

The Bhamas of Myanmar have been almost totally unresponsive to the gospel since the days of Adoniram Judson (1800s), and today they are less than one-tenth of 1% Christian. The Bible, Jesus film, as well as many other evangelistic materials, are available in the Burmese language. Pray for the evangelization of the Bhamas people.

Throughout the year, a children's ministry team in a mega-city in Southeast Asia, meets with kids in various neighborhoods to play games, sing songs and teach stories of the Bible. Pray for M as she leads this team. Also lift up D, Y, R, and A, who are faithful in ministering each week. Remember the two newest team members, V and S.

John Guillott, Fargo, N.D., is a language missions coordinator with the Dakotas Convention. Pray for the Native American congregations as they impact their communities. Pray for a bi-vocational church planter to reach the growing Hispanic population.

In August, flood rains destroyed many houses and villages in Punjab, India. People have died in landslides. Bridges have washed out. Farmland is ruined. Cholera is a looming threat in villages with no running water. Ask the Father to reveal Himself in this time of crisis. Ask that the Punjabi people will recognize Jehovah Jireh as He provides for their needs.



Missions Mobilization C E L E B R A T I O N

Friday, November 12
FBC, Jackson, 425 North State Street

- Celebration Banquet – 6:30 p.m.
- Mobilization Displays – Ukraine
- Music by Mississippi Singing Churchmen
- Ukraine Guests: Grigoriy Komendant, Vladimir Shemchisin, Bronislav Zilkovsky and Tanya Puzanova
- International Mission Board Guests: Mick Stockwell and Kirby and Linda Smith

Saturday, November 13
Baptist Building, 515 Mississippi Street
Team Leaders for 2005

- Continental Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.
- Devotional
- Planning Ukraine Emphasis

You are invited to this exciting time of celebrating what God is doing through Mississippi volunteers. You will meet and hear the stories of many of these volunteers.

Banquet Cost: \$10
Reservations are required by November 4.
Call 601-292-3398 by November 4.

Encourage a MK
with a birthday card!

MISS KATIE R. GRAY – 12/4/86
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MISS MARISA M. WOMBLE – 12/6/88
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Eastern South America

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Middle America

MRS. MICHELLE S. KIDD – 12/20/83
Parents: Kevin and Pamela, Strategy
Western South America

MISS KIMBERLY D. SHEARER – 12/20/85
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Western South America

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Church members may send a package of cards together; cards do not have to be sent individually to Stewardship.

FOR SECURITY, cards will be forwarded. Please send all to:
Child's name and parent's name
MBCB Stewardship Dept.
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Jackson, MS 39205

HOUSE TOPS

HOMEcomings & REVIVALS

McCool, McCool: Homecoming October 10; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; dinner on the grounds following; Bryan Bailey

and family, Yellowleaf, Oxford, guests; Justin Knight, pastor.

Strayhorn, Strayhorn: Homecoming and 120th

COLLEGE NEWS

The **Mississippi College Office of International Studies** will offer conversational language courses in Chinese, Korean, and Russian. All courses are eight week studies beginning nightly October 18-21 and will be taught at the Baptist Healthplex, Clinton. The course fee is \$69. For information, contact (601) 925-7635 or Brackenr@mc.edu. All participants completing a course will receive an International Certificate. Those completing all three courses will receive a Master Internationalist Certificate.

Mississippi College Homecoming will be held October 29-30. A luncheon concert will be held Friday featuring Janet Paschal in Anderson Hall, B.C. Rogers Student Center. Proceeds will go to a scholarship

fund established by the MC 50 Year Club. Tickets are \$15 for alumni and \$20 for non-alumni. Serving lines will open at 11:30 a.m. with the program beginning at noon. Reservations are required and may be made by calling (601) 925-3228. Tickets will be available at the door. Homecoming concludes Saturday with the football game against Louisiana College. Kickoff is at 6 p.m. at Robinson-Hale Stadium.

Elliot Frank will perform in concert October 7 at 7 p.m. in the Lucille Parker Gallery, Hattiesburg campus, William Carey College. Tickets are \$5 for regular admission and \$3 for students. Reservations can be made by calling (601) 318-6175. Tickets will be available at the door.

Anniversary October 17: Remembering Our Past, Celebrating Our Future; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch and afternoon program following; Claude Howe, Jr., speaker; Jim Brown, worship leader; old fashioned dress is encouraged.

McAdams, Kosciusko: Homecoming October 17; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch will follow; James Young and his wife, guest personalities; James and Guinevere Young will display memorabilia from their 32 years as missionaries in Bangladesh following the meal; Dan West, pastor.

Utica, Utica: Revival October 8-10; Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Jimmy Porter, MBCB, evangelist; Cliff Fortenberry, Twin Lakes, Jackson, music; Ben James, pastor.

Chunky, Chunky: Homecoming and Revival October 17-21; Sunday, 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., lunch following,

and 1:45 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Scott Vaughn, BSU director at East Central Community College, speaker; Marion Felton, music.

Clear Branch, Florence: Homecoming October 10; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; dinner following; singing, 1:30 p.m.; Roger Lee, guest pastor; Nick Hodges, guest music minister; Charles McClellan, soloist.

Mt. Carmel, Edinburg: Homecoming October 10; worship, 10:30 a.m.; dinner will follow; James Smith, First, Collins, speaker.

Siloam, West Point: Homecoming October 10; worship, 10:45 a.m.; J.B. Miller, preaching; Mike Woodson, music; all are invited.

North Calvary, Philadelphia: Homecoming October 10; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch will follow; James Bryant, former pastor and

Webster Association DOM, guest speaker; all are invited; Lawrence Runnels, pastor.

Pocahontas, Jackson: 4 Days of Renewal October 10-13; Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; for more information, call (601) 982-2305; Joe Cole, guest speaker; Michael Bird, pastor.

Fernwood, Gulfport: Senior Adult Revival October 18-20; 10:30 a.m. daily; Sonny Adkins, MBCB, evangelist; all are welcome; admission is free. For more information, contact (228) 896-4556 or fernwoodbc@aol.com; Jim Kultau, pastor.

East Salem, Leakesville: 90th Homecoming October 10; worship, 10:30 a.m.; dinner on the grounds will follow; all are invited.

Cedar Grove, Columbia: Revival October 10-13; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Gene Douglas, evangelist; Charles Robert Jones, music; Philip Duncan, pastor.

JUST FOR THE RECORD

First Church, Byram, will celebrate the dedication of their new worship center November 7 at 10 a.m. The new facility is double the size of the former sanctuary. The public is invited. For more information, call (601) 372-3156.

McBee Church, Columbus, will hold an International Supper to kickoff LMCO October 17 at 6 p.m. Food from eight countries will be served. A mission program will follow. Jimmy Ray is pastor.

Grandview Church, Pearl, will hold S.O.N. every Sunday night in October at 6:30 p.m. Speakers include Ricky Gray, Steve Jackson, Joe Pridgen, and Darrin Mechling. A time of singing, testimonies, food, and fellowship will be held the last Sunday.

Hollandale Church, Hollandale, will present *Bubbling Over With Joy*, a women's conference, November 13. The guest speaker will be Jan Halford. Tickets are \$12.50 and the deadline is November 5. Registration and breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. including lunch. A nursery will be available. For more information, call (662) 827-2201.

Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames will be held at **Pearson Church, Pearl,** October 17 at 6 p.m. and October 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and a children's ministry will be provided. For more information, call (601) 939-3618.

Bethesda Church, Terry, will hold their Fall Festival October 30 from 4-8 p.m. There will be food, costume prizes, door prizes, toy walks, cake walks, and games. All ages are invited. For more information, call (601) 878-5141.

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Pass Road Church, Gulfport, will host Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames October 31 and November 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken. Reservations can be made for groups of 15 or more. For more information, contact (228) 863-1697 or passroad.org.

New Prospect Church, Brookhaven, will host a reception honoring John Jerry Smith for 50 years in the music ministry October 10 from 2-4 p.m. All are invited.



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Saturday, October 9, 2004
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

For more information call
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BridgeWay Baptist Church

523 Quinn Road, Byram, MS

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Hoping for Help

Matthew 8:1-13

By Geneva England

We go to the dentist for a toothache or the surgeon for an operation, so whom should we call upon for spiritual needs? None other than Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our Mediator. In faith, we trustfully accept that Jesus is the Son of God; that He became human to redeem us from our hopeless, sinful state by atoning for our sins on the cross; that He arose from the grave triumphant over sin and death; and that through His sacrifice, our sins are forgiven.

When we become believers, then we, like the leper and the centurion know that Christ can "speak the word"[s] for our help (v.8). We trust Jesus to meet our needs; however, His plan may not be consistent with our plans, nor timed according to our liking, but because Christ is omniscient he foresees our needs and

divinely supplies them according to his eternal timetable. He answers our requests with "yes," "no," or "later," in accordance with His divine purpose and pleasure.

During His first preaching tour in the northern hills of Galilee near Capernaum, Jesus healed both a man with leprosy and Peter's mother-in-law. These miracles authenticated Jesus' divinity. His reputation of "compassion" for the suffering (Mk. 1:41) quickly spread throughout the area, so that soon a large multitude of followers assembled (Matt. 8:1). Some came in hopes of healing; others became true believers; some were faultfinders, and perhaps a few were mere curiosity seekers.

Matthew portrays Jesus as the Messiah. Old Testament prophets had foretold of messianic healing powers (Isa. 53:5); therefore,



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Matthew's record of Jesus' many miracles should have erased the Pharisees' and Sadducees' claims that Jesus was nothing more than a troublemaker.

Jesus, acting as High Priest, did what the Levitical law could not do—cleanse lepers; this pointed to the messianic healing power that only Jesus could exercise on a leper, according to Matthew Henry.

Healing a leper would certainly have been a feat, for the rabbis had declared lepers as being so ceremonially unclean that they had to stand at least one hundred feet apart from people on a windy day so that they would not defile fellow Israelites. Leviticus 14 details the "gift" (Matt. 8:4), or sacrifices, commanded by Moses for the cleansing process of lepers. These sacrifices included two living clean birds, some cedar wood, along with scarlet and hyssop.

When our great Physician "put forth his hand and touched" the leper (v.13), healing instantly occurred. Luke

adds that the man was "full of leprosy" (5:12), no doubt repulsive and deformed. This leper exhibited great faith when he uttered, "If thou wilt, thou can make me clean" (Matt 8:2).

However, Christ reversed the Leper's request for cleansing by healing him first and then sending him to the Sanhedrin to have his healing confirmed and be pronounced clean (v.4). An acknowledgment from the Sanhedrin meant that the Jewish leaders had to recognize Jesus' power over illnesses, and for this they hated Him all the more.

The Roman centurion's step of faith was no less spectacular. He was a leader of at least one hundred men serving in the Galilean area. Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee, carefully guarded any aberration of peace; therefore, this unnamed centurion acted at great personal risk to befriend Judaism. He had even built a synagogue for the Jews (Lk.7:5). Obviously, he was a man of wealth and compassion, demonstrated by his love for his servant with palsy and his efforts to obtain healing for him.

Humbly, the centurion approached Jesus and asked for His help, noting that he was undeserving of a personal visit from Jesus in his home, but rather just a word from Jesus would heal his suffering servant. Jesus recognized this Gentile's great faith and made a profound statement regarding it: "Verily, [truly], I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel"(v.10), so Jesus granted his request.

Taken together, the leper and the centurion portray that both Jews and Gentiles must enter the Kingdom of God the same way—by unwavering faith in Christ as personal Redeemer and Savior.

Matthew 8:11 states that many Gentiles from the "east and west" will join "Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" through faith. Praise God that all nations, tongues, and tribes throughout all the ages have been given a way unto salvation. We rest assuredly in confidence that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

England is a member of First Church, Grenada.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Live By Jesus' Teachings

Luke 6:27-49

By James Walters

The best way any of us can demonstrate we are followers of Christ is to base our behavior on the teachings of Christ. Luke 5:1-26 provides the background for much that is the focus of this week's lesson from Luke 5:27-49. Summarizing twenty-six verses while focusing on only twenty-three verses may feel frustrating to some readers, but take heart. Those verses are part of the Sanctity of Human Life lesson to follow in January. They are not ignored.

In summary however much that precedes the primary focus for this weeks lesson presents the faith and teachings of Christ in contrast to the cultural understandings/observances of His generation. One contrast is that Christ's understanding of keeping the Sabbath differed remarkably from His critics. Another por-

tion of the introductory material concerns the choosing of the twelve disciples as well as what appears to be echoes of the wisdom from the Sermon on the Mount. Now on to our lesson.

DO GOOD TO OTHERS, LUKE 6:27-31

Jesus taught us to do what is good for other people even if those other people take from us what they want without asking our permission. Jesus demands no retaliation. Jesus requires us to pray for those who curse us and abuse us. We are to treat others as we would want to be treated.

If I could have caught the guy who stole my weed eater last summer I'd have cracked him on the head with a two by four. I'm just being honest. After my initial rage settled down I felt ashamed. I never caught the fellow, but I



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wish I could have had the privilege of saying to him, "If you want it, it is yours." I would feel much better about myself. Many of us are of the opinion we own our weed eaters, and other stuff—golf clubs, season tickets. Anything we think we own that we cannot give away owns us! I do not like the way I feel about myself when I realize the power and control this world sometimes has on me. I often repent of unchristlike attitudes. Intellectually I can grasp the teachings of Christ in this area, but emotionally it remains a struggle. Isn't it for you as well? It is difficult being Christlike.

BE MERCIFUL AND LOOK IN THE MIRROR, LUKE 5:36-42

Is it not possible to read verses 36-39 as an observation about life from a very wise man, Jesus, without reading into those verses the supernatural assurances God guarantees to the obedient? Is Jesus imposing a verdict from Heaven on good behavior or revealing a fact of life about good

behavior? We reap what we sow. Jesus said that. Is that to be understood here? Maybe not, but the general rule, for which there are certainly exceptions, is that if we treat others with a heavy hand, and never overlook a flaw, we will in return be treated like a jerk. God doesn't even have to intervene. Associates and fellow workers will put an end to our career all by themselves. If on the other hand we treat people mercifully (better than they deserve), if we forgive sins against us, people will return the blessings with which we blessed them. Gracious people don't always get the promotion or hear a deserved "Thank You." If not, one day God will return good for good to them.

Finding flaws in people is so easy and some have honed their critical skills to a razor sharp edge. The problem is that the judgmental become something the merciful never become blind. For some reason many critical people believe they are above criticism and have no significant flaws of their own. If only they saw themselves as God sees them!

At a large downtown construction site a man known for not being

exceptionally bright stopped the stressed out foreman and asked him what the large excavation was for. Impatient and behind schedule he blurted out, "We are going to bury all the hypocrites in town in this hole." The fellow thought for a minute and said, "Who you gonna get to cover them up?"

A FIRM FOUNDATION, LUKE 6:46-49

Those of us who follow the teachings of Christ are like the man who built his home on a foundation on bedrock. Bad weather of all sorts could do nothing more than perhaps superficial damage. Those, however, who hear the truth yet do not align their behavior to the truth are like some worthless, inexperienced homebuilder who built his home without any foundation at all on the soft earth. Bad weather flooded a nearby stream, undermined, and ruined the home.

Salvation is knowing Christ is our salvation, and surrendering ourselves to make the choices he has clearly taught us lead to life eternal.

Walters is member of Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

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A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful, and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Ivan relief closes; Jeanne relief continues

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP and local reports) — After preparing nearly one million meals over the past two weeks in the wake of Hurricane Ivan, Southern Baptist mobile kitchens will be closing their disaster relief feeding operations Oct. 2 in Alabama's Gulf Shores region while several mobile kitchens are expected to continue operation in the Florida Panhandle for another week.

The Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force's mass feeding unit is currently deployed to Ft. Pierce, Fla., where 12 trained volunteers from Mississippi Baptist churches have prepared more than 15,000 meals for victims of Hurricane Jeanne. Since activating for Hurricane Charley in early September, then responding to Hurricane Ivan and Jeanne, the Mississippi Baptist unit has prepared more than 150,000 meals.

Meanwhile, recovery efforts across east Florida continue to strengthen less than a week after Hurricane Jeanne — the fourth hurricane to hit the Sunshine State in a six-week period — slammed the state's east coast near Stuart, Fla., on September 25.

"All of the mobile kitchens serving meals in Alabama will be closing down after lunch on Saturday," said Randy Creamer, manager of the North American Mission Board's disaster relief operations center near Atlanta. "Some have been reassigned from the Ivan operation back to east Florida for recovery efforts from Hurricane Jeanne. Right now we're in the transition from closing out the feeding and realizing there is still a lot of recovery to go on in Alabama and the Panhandle."

More than 2,000 cleanup and recovery projects have been completed and about 4,000 job requests for tree removal and structural repairs remain in the region hardest hit by Hurricane Ivan which made landfall on September 16.

In response to Hurricane Jeanne, about 600 Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers are currently staffing mobile kitchen units and recovery teams from 15 states. Units are stationed at Southern Baptist churches throughout east Florida in the following cities: Melbourne, Stuart, Sebastian, Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, Avon Park, Barefoot Bay, Bushnell, Auburndale, Bartow, and Cross



MEALS FOR VICTIMS — Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force volunteers Paulette May (left), a member of First Church, Brandon, and David Jones, and member of McCool Church, McCool, prepare hot meals at the Task Force's mass feeding unit for delivery to Hurricane Jeanne victims. May and Jones are two of 12 Mississippi Baptists currently stationed at Westside Church in Ft. Pierce, and part of an estimated 1,500 Southern Baptist volunteers currently assisting Florida, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and West Virginia in the aftermath of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. (Special photo courtesy of North American Mission Board/John Swain)

City, as well as First Church of God in Vero Beach. Southern Baptist recovery efforts also continue in Wheeling, W. Va., and western North Carolina where the remnants of Hurricane Ivan caused widespread flooding.

Creamer said mobile kitchen units, which relocated from the Gulf Coast region to east Florida in the wake of Hurricane Jeanne, began cooking meals Sept. 29. He said kitchen crews are working 18-hour days in the heat and humidity while chainsaw crews work from dawn to dusk.

"I can't tell you how many people have said this is my third or fourth time to volunteer in the last six weeks," Creamer said. "It's taking its toll not only on the human side, but on the equipment side as well."

Since mid-August, in the wake of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, more than 7,000 Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers have helped prepare over two million meals and

completed more than 5,600 cleanup and recovery projects.

For frequent updates on the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force and how to assist hurricane victims, go to www.mbc.org.

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Correction

In the letter to the editor entitled, AFA: SBC Friend, on page 10 of the September 30 issue, First Church, Gulfport, was incorrectly identified as having sold property to a casino. The church that sold property to a casino should have been identified as First Church, Biloxi. The Baptist Record regrets the error.

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